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ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Request for Authority to
Change the Name of Key Tele-Management
Network to Key Communication Systems

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In 1993, Christopher R. Loe obtained Commission certificates of authority for two segments of his payphone business. Mr. Loe's Key Tele-Management Network was authorized in Docket No. P-1942/CT-93-1077 and his Key Communication Systems was authorized in Docket No. P-1807/CT-93-278.

After Mr. Loe failed to file an annual report for Key Communication Systems, its certificate was revoked on January 25, 1996. Docket No. P-666/CT-95-886. Key Tele-Management Network remained certified.

On July 22, 1996, Mr. Loe filed a proposal to change the name of his remaining authorized company, Key Tele-Management Network, to the name of the de-certified company, Key Communication Systems.

On July 24, 1996, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed comments recommending approval of the proposed name change.

On August 13, 1996, the matter came before the Commission for consideration.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

When authority for Key Communication Systems was revoked in January, 1996, the Commission ordered all local exchange carriers and telecommunications carriers to cease providing service to the company's payphone sites. If Key Tele-Management Network's name were now changed to Key Communication Systems, the providers and the general public would be confused as to the entity's authority to provide service. This confused situation would be contrary to the Commission's and Department's goal of maintaining clear public

records of Minnesota telephone service providers.

The Commission finds that the public interest would be better served by Mr. Loe's reapplying for a certificate of authority for Key Communication Systems. The process of applying for a payphone certificate of authority is not burdensome and would not cause Mr. Loe an undue delay in acquiring authority. If granted, the application and certification process would provide a clear history of the certification status of Key Communication Systems.

The Commission notes that, if Mr. Loe eventually requests and obtains a certificate of authority for Key Communication System, the company will be subject to the annual filing requirements placed on every payphone provider.

ORDER

1. The Commission denies the July 22, 1996 request to change the name of Key Tele-Management Network to Key Communication Systems.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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